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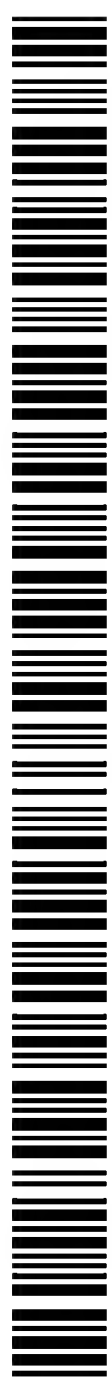
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eases, metabolic diseases, cancer, inflammation, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, respiratory diseases, mus-
cle-skeleton diseases, neurological diseases and urological diseases. The invention also provides assays for the identification of
compounds useful in the treatment or prevention of cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer,
inflammation, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, respiratory diseases, muscle-skeleton diseases, neurological dis-
eases and urological diseases. The invention also features compounds which bind to and/or activate or inhibit the activity of PGCP as
well as pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds.



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